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Compulsory Service

Enquiries as to position of local clergy.

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~~Mr~~ Mr G. Fiddes
The East Africa Protectorate's Compulsory Service Ordinance makes all males between the ages of 18 and 45 liable for military service. There is no exemption for the clergy (or indeed for any other class of persons), but the War Council and District Committees contemplated by the Ordinance are required to have "due regard to the necessities of civil life and the circumstances of each case". The Lt. has only just been applied, on the requisition from General Hoskins for 200 more Europeans. We have no information as to the individuals or classes actually taken. I have no doubt whatever that the local clergy will not have been called up.

We might, in order to relieve the Archbishop's mind, inform the G.A.C. by telegram that the Archbishop has made enquiry as to the position of the clergy under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, and ask whether in practice any clergy have, or are likely to be, called up for military service.

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and inform the Ansp. Lab.

H. J. R.
23/5/17

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Lambeth Palace, S.E.1.

19th May 1917.

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Dear Mr. Steel-Maitland,

REC'D
PER 21 MAY 17

A little while ago I received the following telegram which has apparently suffered in transmission:-

Leo. Archbishop, Lambeth, London.

East Africa compulsory service ordinance clergy not exempted. Similar ordinance being introduced Uganda. Consider Archbishop [?memor] should apply. Please advise and inform Bardaley. Willis.

(Kampala, April 12th 1917).

I consulted Bardaley the Secretary of C.M.S. and he undertook to find out from the Colonial Office how matters stand. I enclose a copy of a letter which I have just received from him. I wonder whether you can enlighten me any further. I have no insuperable objection to clergy being conscripted with other men if such is the general wish of the community and if provision can be made for the discharge of the duties which are distinctively theirs. In England I do not believe that that could be done, and I should imagine it to be very difficult in East Africa. If you are able to throw any light on the matter I should be very grateful.

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Yours very truly,

Davidson

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Church Missionary Society.

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Salisbury Square,

May 18. 1917.

REC'D
MAY 21 1917

My dear Lord Archbishop,

I have been to the Colonial Office with regard to Bishop Willis' letter. I was told that an ordinance recently passed has made it possible for every European of a certain age to be called up, but at the same time there is a clause which points out the need of using judgment as to exercising this power.

The man whom I saw, who was evidently a responsible person, told me that it was therefore possible, but hardly credible, that any of the few clergy would be called upon. If you would write to the Office making enquiries, they will write out officially to British East Africa and find out the exact position.

With deep respect,

I am, my Lord Archbishop,

Yours very obediently,

(Signed) Cyril C.R. Bardsley.

Honorary Secretary.

The Most Rev: and Right Hon:

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

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Repeat this telegram to Gov. of Uganda
report similarly as to position in Uganda.

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26039, East Africa Protectorate

Downing Street,

15 May, 1917

On Quarto for Miss Page's signature

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Sir G. Fiddes.

Mr. Steel-Maitland.

Mr. Long.

In Mr. Steel-Maitland's absence for a few days, I write to say that he has received the Archbishop of Canterbury's letter of the 19th of May relating to the position of the clergy in East Africa under the Compulsory Service Ordinance recently brought into force there.

Under the Ordinance as it stands

all male persons between the ages of 18 and 45 are liable for military service. No exemption for the clergy is specified in the Ordinance, or indeed for any other class of persons, but the War Council and the District Committees contemplated in the Ordinance are required to have "due regard to the necessities of civil life and the circumstances of each case".

It would seem, therefore, practically certain

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